

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
DECEMBER 22, 2015**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Tuesday, December 22, 2015, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order. Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm called the roll.

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Council members:	
Gregory Schnarr	Present
David Prechtel	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Earl Schmitt	Present
Kevin Manley	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Renee Kabrick	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the council members must be in attendance. All seven council members were in attendance which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Seitz asked Carie Hardin, a family friend of Council member David Prechtel, to lead those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes.

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. November 18, 2015 regular common council meeting
2. December 11, 2015 special common council meeting

A motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council member David Prechtel to approve both sets of minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

UTILITY SERVICE BOARD REPORT

Utility Service Board Vice Chairman Doug Schulte gave a report on the regular monthly Utility Service Board meeting held on December 21, 2015. A copy of the Utility Service Board minutes is supplied to each council member.

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-33 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4(2) OF ORDINANCE NO. 546, ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A UNIFORM CODE FOR TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA -PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN DESIGNATED STREETS

This ordinance prohibits parking on 14th Street by Masterbrand. The amendment was recommended by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

A motion was made by Council member Earl Schmitt and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to consider the ordinance for one reading only. Motion carried 7-0. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member Randall Buchta and seconded by Council member Raymond Howard to read the ordinance by title only. Motion carried 7-0. The city attorney so read the ordinance. Thereafter, a motion was made by Council member David Prechtel and seconded by Council member Earl Schmitt to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2015-33. Motion carried 7-0.

PROPERTY SALE

City Attorney Renee Kabrick said at the November 18, 2015 meeting, the council moved to proceed with the sale of 0.168 acres of land on Saint Charles Street directly north of the intersection with Truman Road for \$1,000.00.

Kabrick said now there has been an offer of \$800.00 on the southern strip of land from Glen and Judy Englert. She asked permission to proceed with the sale.

A motion was made by Council member Kevin Manley and seconded by Council member Thomas Schmidt to proceed with the sale of property for \$800.00. Motion carried 7-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mayor Seitz recommended scheduling an organizational meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. in order for the council to make certain appointments. The council members agreed.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Seitz presented a key to the city to Council members Raymond Howard, Randall Buchta, David Prechtel, and Thomas Schmidt and thanked them for their years of service to the City.

Council members Kevin Manley, Earl Schmitt, Gregory Schnarr, and Randall Buchta presented a plaque to each of the retiring council members. Manley said the plaque shows bipartisanship. It contains a picture of the three retiring council members and is signed by the other four council members.

Council member Thomas Schmidt thanked his family who was present for supporting him while he served on the council the past 40 years.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Council member Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Council members Raymond Howard and David Prechtel to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 7-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

The minutes were hereby approved _____ with X without corrections or clarification this 21st day of January, 2016.

Mayor Terry Seitz
Presiding Officer

Attest: _____
Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer